

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Notice of Paper Submission Under 37 C.F.R. 1.34(a)

The present paper is submitted under 37 CFR 1.34(a) and MPEP 405 by the undersigned Applicant's representative who is not the attorney of record in the present application. All communications regarding the present application should continue to be directed to the attorney of record, Ivan S. Kavrukov, Cooper & Dunham LLP, 1155 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036.

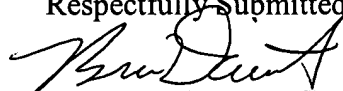
Undue Multiplicity Rejection of Claims 1-160 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office Action's multiplicity rejection of Claims 1-160. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-160, of which only a relatively modest number are independent (16), systematically claim the inventive subject matter at different levels of abstraction believed needed for fairly securing the proper scope of protection. It is submitted that this is a reasonable number of claims in view of the several related and inter-related contours of the inventive subject matter as described in the specification.

However, in accordance with MPEP § 2173.05(n) and the Examiner's stated number of 50 claims, Applicants select claims 1-10, 51-60, 71-90, and 101-110 for examination. This selection is "with traverse" insofar as it is respectfully requested that the multiplicity rejection of the remaining claims be closely revisited upon examination of the selected claims.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the attorney of record, Ivan S. Kavrukov, at (212)-278-0400. Entry of this amendment and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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